

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed January 30, 2007 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Claims 1-2, 4-12, and 14-20 are pending in the present application. No claims are added. Claims 1, 3-7, 10-13, and 18 are cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 2, 8, 9, 14-17, 19, and 20 remain pending.

Figure 1 was objected to because it recited the reference designator "1B" twice and because it did not recite the reference designator "1C," as mentioned on page 5 of the Specification. Figure 1 has been amended and a replacement sheet for Figure 1 is attached hereto.

Claim 1 was objected to for informality regarding clarity. Though claim 1 has been cancelled herein and filed in a continuation application concurrently herewith, claim 1 has been amended therein to correct the informality in addition to amendments discussed below.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2, 8, 9, 14-17, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 2, 8, 9, 14-17, 19, and 20 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and the amendments to correct informality to expedite issuance of the allowable subject matter. Applicant files a continuation application concurrently herewith to prosecute the remaining claims.

The present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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